

REMARKS

Claims 39 to 41 and 47 to 53 are in the application, with Claims 14 to 38 and 42 to 46 having been cancelled, Claims 39, 41 and 47 having been amended, and Claims 48 to 53 having been added. Claims 39, 41, 47, 48 and 51 are the independent claims herein. Favorable review and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

It is noted that this Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Patent Office's revised format for amendments and therefore, where appropriate, waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated January 15, 2003, Claims 43 and 46 were objected to for an informality. It is hereby submitted that the cancellation of these claims obviates the objections.

Claims 14 to 16, 20, 21 and 39 to 47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,131,067 (Girerd). In addition, Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Girerd, Claim 19 was rejected under § 103(a) over Girerd in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,299,132 (Wortham), Claims 17 and 22 to 24 were rejected under § 103(a) over Girerd in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,926,116 (Kitano), Claim 25 was rejected under § 103(a) over Girerd in view of Kitano and Wortham, Claims 26, 28, 30 and 32 to 38 were rejected under § 103(a) over Girerd in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,928,306 (France), Claims 27 and 31 were rejected under § 103(a) over Girerd in view of France and U.S. Patent No. 5,902,351 (Streit), and Claim 29 was rejected under § 103(a) over Girerd in view of France and Wortham. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections, it is hereby submitted that the cancellation of Claims 14 to 38 and 42 to 46

obviates the rejections of those claims, thereby leaving only the rejections of Claims 39 to 41 and 47 under § 102(e) over Girerd to be addressed herein. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 39 to 41 and 47 are respectfully requested.

The present invention concerns accessing an information generating terminal by an output terminal. According to the invention, an information generating terminal senses status information (such as a position of the terminal) and transfers the data to a communication apparatus (such as a server). The communication apparatus (server) generates display information on the basis of the status information, wherein the display information is related to terminal identifying communication information to identify the information generating terminal. The display information is transferred to the output terminal so that the output terminal can access the information generating terminal by referring to the display information related to the terminal identifying communication information. As a result, the output terminal can directly access the information generating terminal merely by referring to the display information.

Referring specifically to the claims, amended independent Claim 39 is a system which outputs information of an information generating terminal to a predetermined output terminal via a network. The information generating terminal comprises sensing means for sensing status information relating to a position of the information generating terminal itself, and first transmitting means for transferring the status information sensed by the sensing means to a predetermined server on the network so as to store the status information in storage means of the server. The server comprises generating means for generating, on the basis of the status information, display information related to terminal

identifying communication information identifying the information generating terminal so that the output terminal can directly designate the information generating terminal, and second transmitting means for transmitting the display information to the output terminal. The output terminal comprises communication means for receiving the display information transferred from the sever, and for receiving information from the information generating terminal by accessing the information generating terminal using the display information related to the terminal identifying communication information.

Amended independent Claim 41 is a communication apparatus for outputting information on an information generating terminal to an output terminal via a network, comprising receiving means for receiving status information on said information generating terminal, generating means for generating display information on the basis of the status information, the display information being related to terminal identifying communication information to identify the information generating terminal, and transmission means for transferring, to the output terminal, the display information, wherein the output terminal accesses the information generating terminal by referring to the display information related to the terminal identifying communication information.

Amended independent Claim 47, and newly-added independent Claims 48 and 51, are computer-readable medium, communication apparatus, and communication method claims, that roughly correspond to Claim 41.

The applied art (Girerd), as well as the other art of record (Wortham, Kitano, France, and Streit), is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of independent Claims 39, 41, 47, 48 and 51. More particularly, the art is not seen to disclose or to suggest

at least the feature of transferring, to an output terminal, display information being related to terminal identifying communication information to identify an information generating terminal, wherein the output terminal accesses the information generating terminal by referring to the display information related to the terminal identifying communication information.

Girerd is merely seen to disclose that a client requests position information of a remote sensor from a server, whereby the server queries the remote sensor for the information, which is then passed on to the client for display. That is, Girerd is merely seen to disclose obtaining position information after a client accesses the sensor. However, Girerd is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the feature of transferring, to an output terminal, display information being related to terminal identifying communication information to identify an information generating terminal, wherein the output terminal accesses the information generating terminal by referring to the display information related to the terminal identifying communication information. Accordingly, amended independent Claims 29, 41 and 47, as well as newly-added independent Claims 48 and 51, are believed to be allowable over Girerd.

The other art of record, namely Wortham, Kitano, France, and Streit, is not seen to add anything to overcome the deficiencies of Girerd and is also not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the feature of transferring, to an output terminal, display information being related to terminal identifying communication information to identify an information generating terminal, wherein the output terminal accesses the information generating

terminal by referring to the display information related to the terminal identifying communication information.

In view of the foregoing deficiencies of the art, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and therefore, favorable review and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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